

# ARIZONA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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TO: JOINT LEGISLATIVE AUDIT COMMITTEE

DATE: March 11, 2019

SUBJECT: Arizona Commission for Postsecondary Education – Sunset Review

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Attached is the final report of the sunset review of the Arizona Commission for Postsecondary Education (Commission), which was conducted by the House Education Committee of Reference. A performance audit of the Board was conducted by the Arizona Office of the Auditor General (Report No. 17-107).

Pursuant to Title 41, Chapter 27, Arizona Revised Statutes, the Committee of Reference, after conducting a sunset review on January 16, 2019, recommends the Arizona Commission for Postsecondary Education be continued for eight years until July 1, 2027.

This report has been distributed to the following individuals and agencies:

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# **COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE (COR) REPORT**

## **ARIZONA COMMISSION FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION**

### **I. Background**

Executive order established the Commission in 1974 to help provide all Arizona citizens with access to postsecondary education in the State. A.R.S. §§15-1851(A) and (B)(1) require that the Commission administer grant and loan programs for individuals who attend or will attend postsecondary education institutions and provide a forum to public and private institutions for discussing issues related to postsecondary education in Arizona. To fulfill its mission (see textbox), the Commission oversees the 529 program, operates a grant and student loan program, provides information about Arizona's higher education opportunities to the public, and leads a state-wide collaboration to increase Arizona high school students' participation in higher education.

In accordance with A.R.S. § 41-3019.01, the Commission terminates on July 1, 2019, unless legislation is enacted for its continuation.

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-1851, the Commission consists of 16 members, 14 of whom are appointed by the Governor. These members must be from various educational areas to the Commission, such as two members who hold senior executive or managerial positions at one of Arizona's three universities, two members who hold senior executive or managerial positions in private postsecondary institutions of higher education licensed and located in Arizona that offer vocational education programs, a senior executive from a private postsecondary baccalaureate degree-granting school, and a senior executive in a community college district with a population less than 500,000. The remaining two members are the president of the Arizona Board of Regents and the Executive Director of the State Board for Private Postsecondary Education.

The Commission receives revenue from various sources, including State General Fund appropriations, intergovernmental revenues, and fees. According to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee's (JLBC) FY 2019 Appropriations Report, the Commission's budget includes \$4,227,400 and 5.0 full-time equivalent positions from the Postsecondary Education Fund.

### **II. Committee of Reference Sunset Review Procedure**

The House Education Committee of Reference conducted one public meeting on Wednesday, January 16, 2019, to review the audit report prepared by the Auditor General, evaluate the Board's response to the sunset factors as required by A.R.S. § 41-2954 and receive public testimony.

### **III. Committee Recommendations**

The COR recommended the Board be continued for eight years until July 1, 2027.

### **IV. Attachments\***

1. Meeting Notice
2. Minutes of Committee of Reference
3. Information registered on the Request to Speak system
4. Committee attendance record
5. Auditor General presentation handouts
6. Commission presentation handouts
7. Roll call vote
8. Board's response to the agency factors pursuant to A.R.S. § 41-2954, subsection D, clause 13 and subsection F

\* On file with the Senate Resource Center, Chief Clerk, Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records and House Research Staff

ARIZONA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Fifty-fourth Legislature - First Regular Session

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

**COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION\***

DATE Wednesday, January 16, 2019

ROOM HHR 1

TIME 3:00 P.M. or Upon Adj. of  
House Approps. Committee

Members:

Ms. Barto  
Mr. Biasiucci  
Mrs. Blanc  
Mr. Bolding  
Mr. Carroll

Ms. Cobb  
Mr. Lieberman  
Ms. Pawlik  
Ms. Peten

Mr. Shope  
Ms. Townsend  
Mr. Fillmore, Vice-Chairman  
Mrs. Udall, Chairman

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  2. Roll Call
  3. Sunset Review of the Arizona Commission for Postsecondary Education (ACPE)
    - Presentation by the Auditor General
    - Response from ACPE
    - Public Testimony
    - Discussion and Recommendations by the Committee of Reference
  4. Adjourn

\* The Education Committee may be performing functions of a Committee of Reference pursuant to A.R.S. 41-2954

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COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Report of Special Meeting  
Wednesday, January 16, 2019

House Hearing Room 1 -- 3:00 P.M. OR UPON ADJ. OF HOUSE APPROP. COMMITTEE

Convened 3:27 P.M.

Recessed

Reconvened

Adjourned 4:10 P.M.

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Members Present

Mrs. Barto  
Mr. Biasiucci  
Mrs. Blanc  
Mr. Bolding, Jr.  
Mr. Carroll  
Ms. Cobb  
Mr. Lieberman  
Mrs. Pawlik  
Ms. Peten  
Mr. Shope  
Ms. Townsend  
Mr. Fillmore, Vice-Chairman  
Mrs. Udall, Chairman

Members Absent

Agenda

Original Agenda – Attachment 1

Request to Speak

Report – Attachment 2

Committee Attendance

Report – Attachment 3

Presentations

Name

Cheya Wilson  
April Osborn

Organization

Office of Auditor General  
AZ Commission for Postsecondary Ed

Attachments (Handouts)

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Committee Action

Action

Continue of Committee of Reference for  
Postsecondary Education

Vote

Pass

Attachments

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Jackie O'Donnell, Committee Secretary  
January 17, 2019

(Original attachments on file in the Office of the Chief Clerk; video archives available at <http://www.azleg.gov>)

Start: 3:27 pm  
end: 4:10 pm

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# Information Registered on the Request to Speak System

*House Education (1/16/2019)*

## **3, Sunset Review of the Arizona Commission for Postsecondary Education (ACPE)**

**Neutral:**

Candace Vodicka, representing self

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Committee on Education Bill Number ACPE Sunset Rev  
Date 1-16-19 ☒ Support ☐ Oppose ☐ Neutral  
Name Susan Ciardullo Need to Speak? ☒ Yes ☐ No  
Representing Commission Chair Are you a registered lobbyist? No  
Complete Address West Coast Ultrasound Institute, 4250 E Camelback  
E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number Phoenix AZ 85018  
Comments: Susan.Ciardullo@wcu.edu 602-954-3834

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Committee on EDUCATION Bill Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Date 1/16/19 ☐ Support ☐ Oppose ☐ Neutral  
Name FRED LOCKMAN Need to Speak? ☐ Yes ☐ No  
Representing AZ PRIVATE SCHOOL ASSN Are you a registered lobbyist? NO  
Complete Address 7776 SAVANNAH AVE PKWY W. STE 110  
E-mail Address APSA@ARIZONA.PSA.ORG Phone Number 602-254-8199  
Comments: THE PRIVATE POSTSECONDARY COLLEGES AND TECHNICAL SCHOOLS STRONGLY SUPPORT THE COMMISSION AND DR APRIL OSBORN

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**ARIZONA STATE LEGISLATURE**  
Fifty-fourth Legislature - First Regular Session

**COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE RECORD**

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

CHAIRMAN: Michelle Udall VICE-CHAIRMAN: John Fillmore

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RECONVENED					
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Blanc	✓				
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Peten	✓				
Shope	✓				
Townsend	✓				
Fillmore, Vice-Chairman	✓				
Udall, Chairman	✓				

✓ Present      --- Absent      exc Excused



# Arizona Commission for Postsecondary Education



## Arizona Commission for Postsecondary Education

Performance Audit and Sunset Review  
Report No. 17-113  
Issued December 2017

Presenter: Cheya Wilson  
Date: January 16, 2019

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### Commission responsibilities

To help provide Arizona citizens with access to postsecondary education

Operate financial aid programs

Provide information to assist students complete FAFSA

Oversee the Arizona Family College Savings Program (529 program)

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### Finding 1

Commission and Oversight Committee should further strengthen 529 program oversight

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### 529 program allows tax-advantaged savings for education

Save for future education expenses in a tax-advantaged college savings account

Investments grow tax-free

Monies withdrawn tax-free if used for educational expenses

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### Commission contracts with three 529 program providers

Provider	Number of program participant accounts	Amounts invested
Waddell & Reed, Inc	40,742	\$ 602,856,185
Fidelity Investments	34,296	522,651,763
College Savings Bank	3,600	67,835,670
<b>Total</b>	<b>78,638</b>	<b>\$1,193,343,518</b>

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### 529 program overseen by Commission and 529 Oversight Committee

Commission staff—Review compliance with statute and contract

529 Oversight Committee—Assesses providers in annual performance review for areas including:

- Management of investments
- Fees charged to accountholders
- Customer service

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### **Oversight Committee should strengthen its annual performance review**

- Annual performance review process lacked:
  - Performance expectations in some rated areas



- Some information needed to evaluate providers

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### **Finding 1 Recommendations to the Oversight Committee**

Oversight Committee should enhance 529 program annual performance review by:

- Establishing performance standards for ratings
- Ensuring all needed information is available to fully evaluate providers

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### **Commission staff had not ensured compliance with contract and statute**

Commission staff did not always review compliance with contract and statute for:

- Monthly fees payments from providers to Commission
- Account contribution limits

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### Finding 1 Recommendations to the Commission

Commission should ensure compliance with contract and statutory requirements

- During audit, Commission began taking action to address concerns

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### Finding 2

Commission should take steps to better protect confidential and sensitive electronic data

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### Commission stores confidential and sensitive information

Individuals whose data is stored by Commission:

- Financial aid applicants
- FAFSA applicants
- 529 program participants

- Birthdate
- SSN
- Account number

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**Commission has not secured internal access to data**

All staff had access to confidential data regardless of need

Commission had not quickly terminated IT access for former employees

Three staff had access to a document listing all staff's passwords

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**Commission lacked contract safeguards for data stored with contractor**

Commission lacked a formal contract for IT services requiring:

- Time frames for terminating staff access to data
- Contingency plan to protect data from loss

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**Finding 2 Recommendations to the Commission**

Commission should better protect confidential and sensitive data

- Limit staff access to data needed for job duties
- Develop a formal IT service contract that includes data protection requirements

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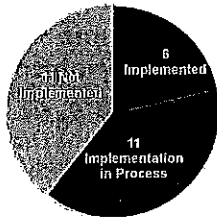
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**Commission has made progress in implementing recommendations - 9/18**



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Money is available for college.  
Don't let our high school seniors miss out.

# IMPROVING ARIZONA'S FUTURE



## What is the FAFSA?

The FAFSA is a **Free Application for Federal Student Aid**. It's the pathway for federal aid and other resources earmarked for students. Every year students miss out on the opportunity for significant aid money. Will Arizona get its share?

## The Challenge

To increase the FAFSA completion rate among high school seniors.

[FAFSACHallenge.az.gov](http://FAFSACHallenge.az.gov)



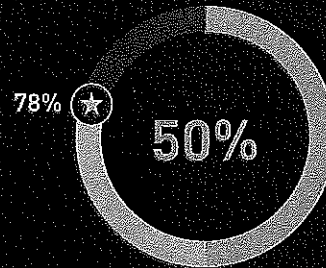
## The Arizona FAFSA Challenge

Who doesn't love a little friendly competition?

The Arizona FAFSA Challenge is a statewide initiative to increase FAFSA completions from high school seniors.

The more students from your school who apply, the better your school ranks. Please encourage high school seniors to apply and then follow your school's progress online.

### OUR GOAL



THE GOAL IS TO REACH 50%  
COMPLETION STATEWIDE  
(78% BY 2030)

## Don't leave financial aid money on the table

Last year alone, over **18,000 Pell Grant-eligible** Arizona students did not complete a FAFSA. Those students missed out on a lot:

- Average Pell Grant award money missed:  
**\$3,587 per student\***
- Total Pell Grant award money missed  
**\$65 Million\***

## It takes less than an hour to apply

Are you up for the Arizona FAFSA Challenge? Visit **FAFSACHallenge.az.gov** for more information and check back regularly for school results, feature stories, resources, webinars and more.

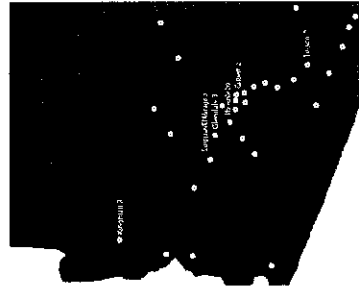
\* Source:  
<https://www.nerdwallet.com/blog/loans/student-loans/missed-free-financial-aid>

The Arizona FAFSA Challenge is a partnership between the Arizona Commission for Postsecondary Education, The Arizona Governor's Office of Education and Achieve60AZ.



## Built on Success College Application Campaign

20,109 seniors at 67 high schools, 87% Title I



**22%** of surveyed seniors or 2,808 filed their **FIRST** postsecondary application during a CAC event and a total estimated 38,424 applications were filed.

## College Goal FAFSA

71 high schools (79% Title I) recruited 400 parents to participate in 71 workshops where 6,802 seniors received help in doing a FAFSA.

51% of students surveyed **completed** a FAFSA at a workshop.

## FAFSA Finish Line

128 high schools, 22 districts (61 HS), and 6 non-profit entities have completed data sharing agreements to receive reports. This year 1,518 FAFSA Finish Line reports have been delivered.

5% of the seniors with incomplete FAFSAs received targeted interventions from counselors.

The average FAFSA completion rate at 55 participating high schools of 38.2% vs. the state average of 30.5% in March.

## Building Excitement and a Network of Support



Across the state high schools are building a college-going community where a cohort approach among peers supports first-generation and low-income students.

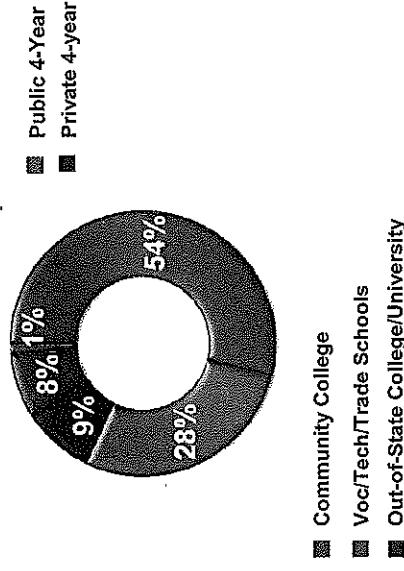
These schools are stepping up to advise and guide seniors and their families through the challenging milieu of decisions and timelines related to college transition including:

- pledging to set the goal of 100% of their seniors applying for a postsecondary experience during the school day,
- helping families file and complete, on time, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA),
- using FAFSA Finish Line real time data to help students complete the application.

## Good for Students Good for the State

A postsecondary education means a better life for our students

### Where Students Applied in 2017



As compared to other states, Arizona has

- 1) Only 52.5% of the seniors from the class of 2016 enrolled in postsecondary education, leaving 33,134 students without options to further their education,
- 2) and six years later only 27.1% of the 2010 senior class has graduated from a 2-year or 4-year postsecondary institution<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> Arizona Board of Regents, College Completion of 2009-10 Arizona Public High School Graduates, April 2017

"Many of our students and families feel that college isn't something they can afford or be successful at and it's awesome to have a day dedicated to those discussions."

Rachel Willis, Counselor, Wickenburg HS

## Our Goals

- Every senior completes at least one postsecondary education application
- Every qualified senior files, on time, a completed Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- All Arizona high schools set the expectation and provide the support for every graduate to participate in a postsecondary education experience

## Annual Economic Impact

CAC first time  
applicants last  
year

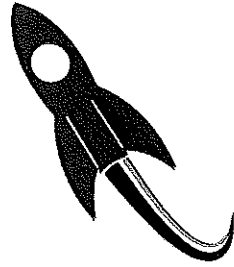
2,808

if  $1\frac{1}{2}$   
go to college  
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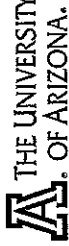
graduate college  
and go to work  
= \$10M  
per year in  
income taxes

In 6 years this  
class boosts the  
economy by

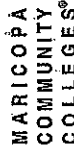
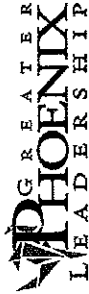
\$40M



## Sponsors



EDUCATE • DISCOVER • IMPACT



PimaCommunityCollege



"The College Application Campaign is something that our students and staff look forward to each year. This event is truly a showcase of the strong partnerships within the school and across the community."

Sarah Wilson, Counselor, Winslow HS

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success in postsecondary  
education for Arizonans

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## College Goal Arizona

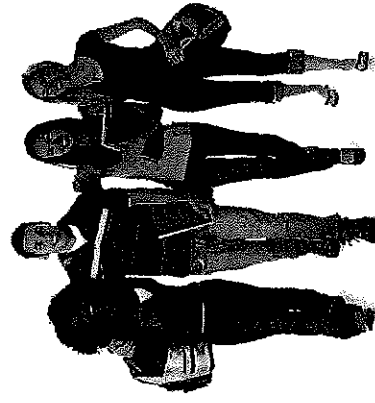
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... helping seniors with the 2 most  
important applications of their life

1. College Application  
Campaign

2. College Goal FAFSA

3. FAFSA Finish Line  
Completion



Join us! Apply today!

[www.collegegoal.az.gov](http://www.collegegoal.az.gov)

"It is an Amazing opportunity for our  
students to see how streamlined the  
college application process can be with  
the right supports."

Damien Bracey, Counselor, Valley Vista HS

While most families expect their child to go to college, only 39% of families have a plan to pay for college.

Source: How America Pays for College, 2017



## One Great Plan. Three Great Choices.

The Arizona 529 College Savings Plan offers a wide variety of choices through three highly regarded financial institutions.



College Savings Bank, a Division of NexBank SSB, provides fixed rate CDs and a high-yield savings account. Each account holder's principal is insured by the FDIC.

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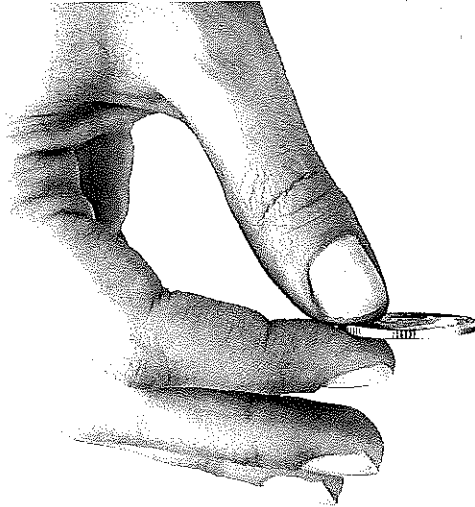
Ivy InvestEd 529 Plan offers choices of investment products including age-based, static, and individual fund portfolios through financial advisors across the country.

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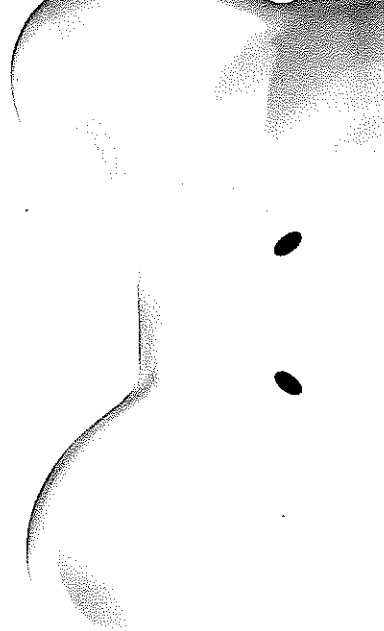


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**Put money aside,  
not college.**



## Start Early. Save Regularly.

It's never too early, or too late, to start saving for college. Starting a 529 plan early and adding to it regularly can help build peace of mind and the added savings to help your child's college dreams come true. Additionally, parents, grandparents, other family members and even friends may contribute or open a 529 plan.

The Arizona 529 Plan is designed to help families like yours meet the rising costs of higher education. The program offers an easy, flexible and tax-advantaged way to save for college. So don't delay, start saving today.

**Maximize your State tax deductions! Married Arizona tax-payers can deduct up to \$4,000 by contributing to a 529 plan. Single filers can deduct up to \$2,000.**

The state of Arizona's 529 Savings Plan is one of the most diversified in the country, with the following benefits:



The ability to save with \$25 or less a month



Contributions to accounts grow on a tax-deferred basis



Savings can be used at most accredited public or private universities, colleges, and vocational schools in the United States, as well as eligible foreign institutions



Assets are not considered when determining Arizona financial aid awards



Qualified distributions are exempt from federal income tax



Qualified distributions are exempt from Arizona income tax for Arizona taxpayers

### NATIONAL AVERAGE COLLEGE ATTENDANCE COSTS\*

	TUITION & FEES	ROOM & BOARD	BOOKS & SUPPLIES	ANNUAL BASIC EXPENSES
PRIVATE COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY	\$35,830	\$12,660	\$1,240	\$49,750
PUBLIC UNIVERSITY <small>(in-State)</small>	\$10,230	\$11,140	\$1,240	\$22,610
COMMUNITY COLLEGE <small>(in-State)</small>	\$3,660	\$8,660	\$1,440	\$13,760

\* Source: College Board, 2018 - 2019

## Tips for SUCCESS



Make college the expectation, talk about it early and often



Start saving early with a 529 college savings plan and involve your child



Help your child build their volunteer resume



Take your child to visit your friends' workplaces to provide firsthand experience about varied careers



Download your FREE College Savings Planner today at [az529.gov](http://az529.gov)



**ARIZONA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
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**ROLL CALL VOTE**

COMMITTEE ON Education

BILL NO. 1000

*continue  
committee  
of reference  
for Postsecondary  
Education*

DATE January 16, 2019

MOTION: Pass

	PASS	AYE	NAY	PRESENT	ABSENT
Barto	/				
Biasiucci	✓				
Blanc	✓				
Bolding	✓				
Carroll	✓				
Cobb	✓				
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Pawlik	✓				
Peten	✓				
Shope	✓				
Townsend	✓				
Fillmore, Vice-Chairman	✓				
Udall, Chairman	✓				

APPROVED:



MICHELLE UDALL, Chairman  
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ATTACHMENT \_\_\_\_\_



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August 29, 2018

Aaron Wonders  
House of Representatives Education Committee Research Analyst  
Arizona House of Representatives, Suite H  
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Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Dear Mr. Wonders,

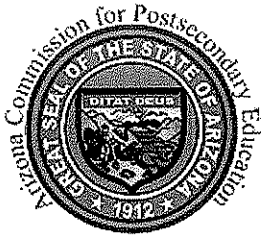
In response to your request, I have prepared a document titled "Agency Response to Five Additional Sunset Factors", it is enclosed. It is my understanding that this document will be provided to the Committee of Review comprising the members of the Senate Education Committee and the House of Representatives Education Committee.

Please, do not hesitate to request further clarification or to ask any questions that arise. I look forward to working with you as we finish the final steps of the sunset review process.

Sincerely,

Dr. April L. Osborn  
Executive Director

Enclosures: Agency Response to Five Additional Sunset Factors



## Arizona Commission for Postsecondary Education

### Agency Response to Five Additional Sunset Factors

#### 1. An identification of the problem or needs that the agency is intended to address.

The Arizona Commission for Postsecondary Education (Commission) was established in 1974 to meet the need of a neutral entity to disburse state and federal financial aid funds to students and institutions. Today, administration of student financial assistance remains a core responsibility of the Commission and because of this the Commission represents Arizona on the National Association of State Student Grant and Aid Programs. The Commission disburses funds to all sectors of the higher education community including community colleges, public universities, independent colleges, career and technical colleges, and vocational schools. Broadening the field of financial assistance options, the Arizona Family College Savings Program was established in 1997 and is administered by the Commission. This Program allows families to save and their investment earnings grow tax free if the funds are used to pay for approved college expenses.

Also the establishing statute calls for the Commission to bring about a discussion among Arizona's public and private postsecondary education institutions regarding the postsecondary needs of the unserved and underserved individuals in the State. As a result, assisting students and families gain access and achieve success in postsecondary education is one of the agency's three main goals. The College and Career Goal Arizona programs are the outcomes of that work.

#### 2. A statement in quantitative and qualitative terms of such agency and its anticipated accomplishments

The following table provides a brief summary of the work done over the last 11 years by the Commission that directly ties to the intent of the Commission's establishing legislation.

1. Numbers of dollars of financial aid disbursed and students served.
2. Numbers of accounts and dollars saved through the Arizona Family College Savings Program.
3. Numbers of unserved individuals applying to a postsecondary education institution or completing a FAFSA through the College and Career Goal Arizona Programs.



Sunset Factor #2											
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
<b>Student Financial Aid Distributed</b>	\$7.5M	\$6.8M	\$6.8M	\$3.7M	\$3.5M	\$4.2M	\$3.5M	\$2.5M	\$2.5M	\$2.5M	\$2.6M
<b>Students Served</b>	7,254	4,801	5,909	3,898	3,796	4,095	3,743	3,237	2,997	3,288	3,070
<b># College Savings Accounts</b>	46,999	52,002	56,310	60,540	64,171	68,031	73,001	77,838	82,057	78,638	81,346
<b>Savings Total (AUM)</b>	\$434M	\$421.5M	\$500.5M	\$634.8M	\$659M	\$769.3M	\$951M	\$1B	\$1.1B	\$1.2B	\$1.3B
<b>Students/families Assisted by C2GA</b>	3,421	4,074	3,437	2,035	1,706	4,710	4,299	13,807	17,076	17,523	22,622

The table above describes the last 11 years of work completed by the Commission staff. The first two rows describe the financial aid administered and reflects the effects of the Great Recession and the loss of both state and federal student aid dollars. Only in the last few years have increases even been considered. The rebuilding of the formerly titled MSSE Program, now the Arizona Teacher Student Loan Program, is the Commission's best example of success in gaining increased funding.

Likewise, the Arizona Family College Savings Program (middle two rows) growth was slowed by the Great Recession. However, it has rebounded and the Commission is making plans to increase the promotion of the program in order to enhance growth.

Finally, the College and Career Goal Arizona (C2GA) programs began in 2013 and built on the Commission's 15 years of leading Arizona's College Goal Sunday program. College Goal Sunday numbers are used for 2008-2012 in the chart. Growth has been remarkable in the C2GA programs and is expected to continue for the next 3-5 years. These programs include the College Application Campaign, College Goal FAFSA workshops, and FAFSA Finish Line Completion. These programs are funded through in-kind contributions, sponsorships, and grants. The goal is to support Arizona high schools as they build college-going communities that will sustain the expectation for all high school graduates to go on to a postsecondary education experience.

**3. An identification of any other agencies having similar, conflicting or duplicate objectives, and an explanation of the manner in which the agency avoids duplication or conflict with other such agencies.**

The Executive Director is not aware of any other state agency with the mission of administration of student financial aid or assists students and families gain access to postsecondary education.

**4. An assessment of the consequences of eliminating the agency or of consolidating it with another agency.**

If terminated, another entity would need to be found to administer student financial aid and oversee the Arizona Family College Savings Program. This entity should have staff experienced with student financial aid policies and Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) requirements and it should be viewed as “neutral” by the various sectors of higher education in order for the higher education community to trust in its disbursement of funds. It is possible the State could experience “missed opportunities” for federal aid to flow to the State if no entity is prepared to quickly step in. If the Commission was part of a consolidation, there would be varied consequences depending on both agencies’ abilities to be flexible and adapt.

**5. The extent to which the agency potentially creates unexpected negative consequences that might require additional review by the committee of reference, including increasing the price of goods, affecting the availability of services, limiting the abilities of individuals and businesses to operate efficiently and increasing the cost of government.**

The Executive Director and staff are aware of no instances of the Arizona Commission for Postsecondary Education increasing the price of goods, affecting the availability of services, limiting the abilities of individuals and businesses to operate efficiently, nor increasing the cost of government.